

Draft Outline of MCA/Calling Task Force Report

Introduction/Background Information

Introduction of Task Force Members and discussion of pertinent portions of Commission MCA/Calling Scope Task Force Orders.

History of expanded calling plans and provisioning of toll service in Missouri.

Status of existing calling plans in Missouri.

Discussion of option to use a survey to gather data, motion and recorded vote.

Discussion of illustrative tariffs, motion and vote.

Issues common to both rural calling scopes and metropolitan calling plans (discussion, motions and recorded votes).

*What type of calling scopes, prices and plans do customers desire?

- Rural settings?
- Urban and suburban settings?

*What is the impact of existing calling plans, other long distance calling plans, wireless, voice over the internet and other alternative forms of communication on the need for the Missouri Commission to take action to develop new calling plans and/or revise the current MCA plan?

*If the Task Force recommends Commission action, is legislation needed to allow the Commission to take such action?

Access Charges. What are access charges? Do access charge rate levels impact the development of calling scopes? Should the Commission strive to reduce access charges as one way to encourage the development of expanded calling scopes? If yes, how should/could that be accomplished?

Geographic Deaveraging. What geographic deaveraging issues are raised by the development of calling plans? How should the Missouri Commission address such issues to encourage the development of new calling plans?

Rural Calling Scopes (discussion, motions and recorded votes)

*What changes, if any, should be taken to expand calling scopes in rural areas?

*The Task Force should address the issues raised by the Office of the Public Counsel in Case No. TO-2003-0297, regarding expanded local calling plans in rural areas of Missouri.

(*) Should Rockaway Beach have toll-free calling to Branson?

MCA Plan (discussion, motions and recorded votes)

Explain current MCA plan.

*Is the MCA plan accomplishing the goals for which it was created?

*Are there unique issues associated with local number portability and the existing MCA plan?

*What changes, if any, should be made to the current MCA plan? (What issues are raised by any of the following proposals? What is the projected financial impact to companies or rate impacts for customers?)

Reclassifying existing MCA exchanges. What existing MCA exchanges, if any, should be reclassified to a different tier within the MCA plan?

(*)Should the Greenwood exchange be reclassified from a Tier 3 exchange to a Tier 2 exchange within the Kansas City MCA plan?

(*)Should the Grain Valley exchange be classified as a Tier 2 exchange in the Kansas City MCA plan?

(*)Should the Ozark exchange be included as a Tier 1 exchange within the Springfield MCA plan?

*Expanding the MCA plan. Should the MCA plan be expanded? Do consumers desire an expanded MCA plan? At what cost would consumers find an expanded MCA plan to be attractive?

What exchanges, if any, should be added to the MCA plans in Kansas City, St. Louis and Springfield? Should an additional tier of exchanges be added to the MCA areas?

(*)Should the exchanges of Union, Washington, St. Clair, and Beaufort be included in the MCA plan?

(*)Should the Innsbrook/Wright City and Lexington exchanges be included in the Kansas City MCA plan?

*Evaluate the proposed MCA-2 plan. Do consumers desire a modified MCA plan such as the proposed MCA-2? At what cost would consumers find such a plan attractive?

Explain the proposed MCA-2 plan.

Explain the pros/cons of implementing MCA-2.
Financial/Rate Impact of the MCA-2 plan.
Consumer feedback regarding MCA-2.

Other suggested revisions to the MCA plan?

Proposal to include Marthasville and Warrenton in MCA.

ATTACHMENTS

Table and maps of EAS routes.

Table and maps of MCA calling scopes/proposals.

- * indicates the Commission has ~~the~~ specifically directed the Task Force to address.
- (*) indicates a sub-issue the Commission expects the Task Force to address.